



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING NEWSLETTER

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SBDM Required Training Modules

The new training modules are online and available. Included with each module are a participant's booklet, facilitator's manual, miscellaneous resources and a PowerPoint presentation. The materials are designed to be open so that each district can adapt the materials and reflect the individual needs of the district or its schools.

Introduction to SBDM is designed as a six-hour course for new school council members. Even though experienced members may complete half of the session for their required training, this is not considered best practice. This introductory session contains basic statutory information for beginners and will be repetitive for experienced school council members.

Three sessions for experienced SBDM members have been developed by KDE. Each of these sessions is three hours in length. These sessions may be adapted, as noted above, to meet individual district or school needs. One suggestion is using Education Commissioner Terry Holliday's video message about accountability as part of the assessment portion in Advanced SBDM. This would be an appropriate adaptation.

Optional PowerPoint presentation shells are available for each session. These PowerPoint presentations are beginnings for each of the sessions. A trainer may add slides with specific information that directly relates to the specific training in a district or a school.

All of the training materials are available on the [KDE website](#). EILA certificates for the training sessions have been sent to those that either participated in the face-to-face trainings in March or who have completed the WebEx session.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What annual training is required of SBDM council members?

A: School council members elected for the first time shall complete a minimum of six clock hours of training in the process of school-based decision making, no later than 30 days after the beginning of the year for which they are elected to serve.

School council members who have served on a school council at least one year shall complete a minimum of three clock hours of training in the process of school-based decision making no later than 120 days after the beginning of the year for which they are elected to serve.

SBDM Training WebEx Still Available

An additional SBDM Coordinator session was to be planned for the spring. However, an additional session is not going to be possible until summer. For those unable to attend the March session, a WebEx session can be [viewed](#) at your convenience. For those SBDM coordinators that wish to train their school councils, at the end of viewing the WebEx, send an e-mail to Judy Littleton to receive an EILA certificate. The WebEx is no longer than 90 minutes.

Education Facts Sheet Available

The Kentucky Education Facts Sheet, a compendium of commonly-requested items about the state's public school system, has been updated. The latest version of the Facts Sheet can be accessed on the [KDE website](#). New on the Facts Sheet this year is information about Advanced Placement, including numbers of exams and high scores. In the past, the sheet was updated around the beginning of the calendar year. This year, the update was held until after the state biennial budget was passed, so that updated financial figures could be included.

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